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Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes of the Meeting, August 10, 2016 @ 31 Arbor Way

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gordon Oliver, Thomas Boscarino, Jennifer Mullin, Christopher Weitz, Cyndi Costanzo, and Shay Drake

OTHERS PRESENT: Robert Tedford, Director, Parks and Recreation

- I. CALLED TO ORDER: Chair Gordon Oliver called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM.
- II. CORRESPONDENCE: None
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 21, 2016 - Special Meeting

MOVED (BOSCARINO), SECONDED (WEITZ), ABSTAINED (OLIVER) AND
PASSED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 21, 2016 SPECIAL
MEETING.
- IV. PUBLIC FORUM – None
- V. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT – None
- VI. RECREATION DIRECTOR’S REPORT:
 - A. Fall Program Brochure – The Fall Program Brochure will be mailed on August 21 with a new “magazine” style.
 - B. Pinney Athletic field update – The electricity at the Pinney Fields is now up to date. A pump was put in on 8/10 to irrigate the second field. Fields will be ready for usage on 8/22.
 - C. Summer Program Update
 - i. Day Camp: There were two minor incidents at the day camp.
 - ii. Waterfront: Water testing results came in today. The algae present this week did not affect the bacteria levels. Levels were acceptable for swimming and the algae has now cleared up. Waterfront revenues so far this summer have exceeded expectations due to very few rain closures. A concern was brought up that some beachgoers might be entering the waterfront at a point other than the main entrance.

- D. Fall of 2016 usage of public school facilities – New system for scheduling will be implemented, called “SchoolDude.”
- E. 2016 Sprint Triathlon – Triathlon went well, with nice weather on the day. There was one minor complaint from a resident who got stuck in traffic with a 10-minute lane closure.
- F. Cultural Arts Commission recommended revival – Summer Theater went really well.
- G. OLD Crystal Lake Schoolhouse summer schedule-office hours – Mary has been present during the summer office hours. There have only been a couple of patrons over the summer, but it has been functioning well. Lifeguards have been using the schoolhouse to write their reports.
- H. Special Event update – Road Race is scheduled to take place on 10/29. This year there will be more of a timing overlap with the Fall Festival at Brookside.
- I. Crystal Lake/Sandy Beach: adjusted operating dates – Waterfront is slated to be open through 8/21. There was an inquiry from the First Selectman about keeping it open for the first two weekends through 9/16. Waterfront staff previously reported their last dates of availability and most indicated their availability ended 8/23 or 8/24. Waterfront staff are being re-contacted to check to see if their last day of availability has changed.
- J. Athletic Facility Use – We’ve had some more requests for usage. The Board of Selectman is drafting a proposal about usage of the Senior Center. We will obtain a copy of their proposal once completed to see if our fee structure can tie into theirs. This would be for the pavilion and not the athletic fields.
- K. Volunteer/part-time staff training regarding interaction with the general public – A DCF employee is working with us to format a sensitivity training. This will likely be a video.
- L. 2017-18 Operating Budget – As of 1/1/17, minimum wage is being increased to \$10.10. The Waterfront and Day Camp Staff wage document will need to be updated accordingly.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Finance: None
- B. Outdoor Facilities: None
- C. Operations: None
- D. Maintenance: None

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. State Bond Update/Turf/Lights at EHS and Schwartz Park tennis courts – An update is anticipated to be forthcoming from the First Selectman’s Office.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Trail Systems and the Batz Property – There is a boy scout in town that would like to develop trails at the Batz Property as his Eagle Project. The Hockanum River volunteer group is in need of additional volunteers.

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED (BOSCARINO), SECONDED (WEITZ) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO
ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:40 PM.